

ABC Minutes of October Dec 74

VFR: "K's been promising for months
he wouldn't put offensive minutes
in Cuba ... if I can't trust him on
this ..."

VFR to O'Donnell

- Do you still think Cuba is important as a
campaign issue? " O'D: Absolutely - Kinty
just puts the to sleep when they talk about low
wages. " "So you think

VFR

We've just elected Capobianco in Michigan
and Ken Kinty will probably be our next
Pres."

Ex Com

Rom while boys were continuously asking
us they would never ...

Ball: after election

as McN.

Taylor in fact, in many times has been
reduced from 15 min to 30 seconds. ... anyway
we have to move quickly ...
"surgical strikes"

K: JFK told me in Vienna

a feeling that the broadest elements in the
government, in the bureaucracy

(Franklin Insurance Co.)

Once the truth about Cuba comes out,
— Repubs are going to murder us ...

... Voters say that Repubs are Admin. isn't high enough.

K to Khrushchev: He may be withholding the
bad news till after the election.

ExpCom

(Taylor: in strike

McCom...

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→ ~~Anderson~~ Anderson...

JFK: I'd pay any price to get the missiles
out of Cuba.

Stevenson:

JFK "We're not going to cower under the gun...
de D would say we were selling out..."

★ the Russians would blackmail us elsewhere.

JFK & RFK: I'd welcome the support of
McClay and his friends - ask him to join
Stevenson's delegation at the UN.

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Scenery to JFK (in front of forming Taylor,
LeMay): can guarantee only 90% of missiles -
would have to follow through with an
invasion.

Russell + Tullyjett favor air strike
and invasion.

K watches speech: "JFK has you
mad."

Briefing: 42 minutes ready to launch (?)

JFK: What if one of our U-2's is hit?

Taylor: Knock out all the SAMs.

RFK: That's a massive air strike.

JFK: We'll knock out the offending site.

(Presents JFK as "admiral" Stevenson -

RFK criticizes S. as another to constructing
Ruddles...)

K: She could have acted very differently.

VFK = Any reason to fire or to board - must originate right here. (Pres).

RFK - "If you hadn't acted, you would have been impeached."

VFK - That's what I think."

VFR to Taylor:

The aerial photos I had taken yesterday
stand out — the

256 ICBMs + Polaris

K: We must make it possible for him
to negot. without appearing to negot.

Forn: We will make moves

— promise not to reintroduce

— agree to UN inspection

Letter: no-invasion pledge

~~Letter~~

(8 low-level moves long term
K letter: [I will withdraw missiles...]
you will promise not to invade...]

Lessons

- Military pushing for "regional strike"
 - ~~mass~~, sneak attack
 - cooperation with
DU warships
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read: Allison
Kruskal
Abel

notes

Fomin, 2d ^{Time} — inspection of bases in Florida
when invasion is big paper

[JFK to ExCom: "I want this letter
analyzed in the light of the Fomin
initiative... (over-right....)]

0900 2d K letter analyzed

JFK — "impossible demand that we
move missiles from Turkey..."

"It's blackmail... demand effective blackmail."

Cuba II

(No mention

R

"My orders to get those Sam missiles out of Turkey were ignored..."

What was the last time I ordered those IRBMs out of Turkey? Not the first 5 this last week in August

Mr. who can be

Taylor: We have no option but to launch
a

Am I going to launch

Oct 11

All American ministers with nuclear
weapons

- Once because we cannot control our
own future.

to DeLong.

36 hours

(48?)

("minutes or Monday")

On Turkey:

After this is over, we can
negotiate about the Turkish minutes
not now

McG B — last night — Mr. Pres — We'll
be fighting in Cuba on Tuesday.
Pres.